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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1 1. (Original) A method employing a location verifier system for verifying that a
2 user is located within a predefined geographical area, after which the user is allowed to place a
3 telephone wager on a sports book, the method comprising:
4 receiving by the location verifier system, a telephone call from the user requesting access
5 to the sports book;
6 forwarding a verification number to the user, the verification number being received by
7 the user only if the user is located within the predefined geographical area;
8 receiving the verification number from the user;
9 verifying the verification number forwarded is the same verification number received;
10 and
11 permitting the user to place the telephone wager on the sports book.
- 1 2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein forwarding the verification number
2 further comprises
3 forwarding the verification number to a user pager operable only within the predefined
4 geographical area; and receiving the verification number further comprises
5 receiving the verification number from the user after the verification number is retrieved
6 from the user pager.

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1 3. (Original) A verification system comprising:
2 a transmitting system having one or more transmitters;
3 one or more pagers for communicating with the transmitting system;
4 a control system for receiving a signal requesting remote access to a betting system;
5 upon receipt of the signal, the control system forwards an authorization number to the
6 transmitting system;
7 the transmitting system forwarding the authorization number to the user pager;
8 the user pager being capable of receiving the authorization number only when within the
9 predefined geographical area; and
10 a communication channel for returning the authorization number to the control system
11 after receipt by the user pager, such that the control system allows remote access to the betting
12 system after the authorization number is received.

1 4. (Original) The system of claim 3 wherein the betting system is for allowing
2 gamblers to place wagers on various sporting games and events.

1 5. (Original) The system of claim 3 wherein the control system is a casino control
2 center.

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3 6. (Original) The system of claim 3 further comprising wherein each user pager is
4 assigned to a gambler.

1 7. (Original) The system of claim 3 wherein the transmitting system further
2 comprises

3 three transmitters each tactically placed relative to each other to cover the predefined geographic
4 area.

1 8. (Original) The system of claim 3 wherein the signal is a telephone call.

1 9. (Original) The system of claim 3 further comprising
2 a computer system communicably coupled to the communication channel for generating
3 the signal and for returning the authorization number to the control system.

1 10. (Original) A method used by a location verifier system for verifying a user's
2 location within an area to enable remote access to a betting system, the method comprising:
3 receiving a signal for requesting access to the betting system;
4 randomly generating a verification number responsive to the signal;
5 forwarding the verification number such that the verification number travels no further
6 than a predefined geographic location;

7 receiving the verification number; and

8 if the verification number forwarded is the same as the verification number received,
9 allowing remote access to the betting system.

1 11. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein forwarding the verification number
2 further comprises

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3 forwarding the verification number to a user pager, and receiving the verification number
4 further comprises

5 receiving the verification number from the user.

1 12. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein forwarding the verification number
2 further comprises

3 forwarding the verification number such that a user or system located outside the
4 predefined geographic area is unable to receive the verification number.

1 13. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the signal is a telephone call from a
2 user.

1 14. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the signal is sent via a computer and
2 a modem.

1 15. (Original) A method of verifying a user's location within an area to allow remote
2 access to a gambling system, the method comprising:

3 providing a pager to the user, the pager being operable only within a predefined
4 geographical area;

5 communicating by the user, with a control center when the user desires to remotely
6 access the gambling system;

7 generating by the control center, a number for verifying that the user is within the
8 predefined geographical area;

9 forwarding by the control center, the number to the pager, the pager receiving the number
10 only when within the predefined geographical area;

11 forwarding by the user, the verification number to the control center; and

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12 providing remote access to the gambling system so that the user may remotely place
13 wagers on the gambling system.

1 16. (Original) The method of claim 15 wherein the gambling system is for placing
2 wagers remotely.

1 17. (Original) The method of claim 15 wherein the number is a random number
2 generated by a random number generator.
